

NEW YORK HATES TO LOSE MATTY; GREAT CHARACTER, SAYS RUNYON

For More Than 15 Years, Mathewson, the Giants and the Polo Grounds Have Been Practically Synonymous in Baseball, and the Big Town Has Come to Love "Big Six"; Realizes He Is About Through as Player.

NEW YORK, July 21.—For over 15 years the Giants, the Polo Grounds and "Matty" have been almost synonymous in baseball. Around them have centered much of the romance and the glamour and the glory of the game. It seems difficult to dissociate one from the other, but now, it seems, "Matty"—Christy Mathewson, surnamed The Mighty—is to go.

He is to quit the Giants, that were Giants in the heyday of his pitching power. He is to depart from the Polo Grounds, where the packed stands used to buzz at the appearance of his big figure slouching across the field and road at the mention of his name; he is leaving the Big Town where he came a spinning-legged lad of 20 and lived to make himself famous from one end of the country to the other.

Who doesn't know "Matty" hasn't heard of "Big Six" of "The Old Master". Not anyone of human speech and understanding in this country, that is certain. The little kids in the city streets; the tired business men in the offices; the grizzled farmers in remote sections—to them the name and fame of Christy Mathewson is common property.

"Matty" and the Big Town. For many years Christy Mathewson has occupied a singular position on Manhattan island. They say that is a big, cold, old town, and that may be so, but New York has come as close to giving real affection to the big fellow from Pennsylvania as to any living man.

Not even in the past couple of years, when frequent defeat indicated that "Big Six" was finally going the way of all pitching flesh, did his popularity diminish. That was a real test: The big town loves a winner. I hold with the authority who contended that any man who is the best man at his calling is a great man, whether he happens to be a statesman, an author, an orator, actor, section hand, street cleaner, or dirt shoveler. Christy Mathewson was a great man because he was greatest at his own particular game.

You do not have to take the judgment of the modern day followers of baseball to fix the status of the big fellow. Ask the most rabid of the ardent, and they will tell you that Mathewson is the greatest pitcher that ever lived—greater than the great Radbourne. It is a tremendous concession, but the old timers concede it. He was a great pitcher when things were breaking his way. He rose to his greatest pitching heights, however, when adversity befell. He was very wonderful in 1905, when he beat the Athletics. He was a young powerful boy, with all the physical strength of youth, but he was even more wonderful in 1911 and 1912, when he fought his fight more with his head than with his arm.

Chance for "Big Six". Everyone who loves the game of

baseball must keenly regret the passing of Mathewson from the scene of his greatest triumphs, but it is better so. His pitching days are over. He may be loath to admit it, they never give up—even the smartest of 'em—but it is probably true. The management of the Cincinnati Reds, unattractive as it may seem just at this time, is in the nature of an advancement, and fraught with possibilities.

The man who gives Cincinnati a winner will be a greatest baseball king along the line than ever Mathewson in his New York prime. They are baseball fanatics out there, and they have never had a winner. Even should Mathewson fail, however, it is better to fail in a managerial career in Cincinnati than to finally bog down completely in a private's uniform somewhere else; than to live to be a senile object of derision.

The very greatest of baseball heroes cannot afford to linger too long. The fans finally forget the past and everything else but the inefficiency of the moment.

Mathewson should make a good manager. He has been McGraw's chief aid. He has absorbed the best things in the McGraw curriculum, and he has ideas of his own. "Matty" West Fixed. Mathewson could quit baseball now and live in comfort the rest of his days. He has saved over \$100,000. He will probably never have any less, because he is a mighty judicious handler of money.

It is not likely that he will quit, however—not until he has given every angle of the game a trial. I asked him once when he expected to retire, and he answered:

"When they cut my uniform right off me." It is characteristic of Mathewson that whatever he attempts he usually masters. He was not much of a checker, but a player when he first tried his hand at that game, but he persevered until he became one of the greatest checker players in the country.

He took up golf a couple of years ago, and was a most indifferent player. He stuck to it until he is now regarded as away above the average. More recently he attempted trap shooting, and was in the nature of a "bust" for a long time. He kept studying and practicing the sport, putting in days at a time, and now he has vastly improved and promises to be an expert.

Ball players who know him well like Mathewson, but he does not make intimates readily. He was once inclined to be rather cold and distant, which was due to bashfulness as much as anything else, but of late years his side of his nature has changed and he is easier and more cordial in his manner.

He has a college education, and he has improved on that education by constant reading. It is a pleasure to talk to him. By and large, this Christy Mathewson is a grand character and deserving of good fortune wherever and however he goes. It will be many a year before baseball sees his like again.

Ivy Wingo, catcher and captain of the Reds, took charge of the team Thursday in the double header with Philadelphia. Herzog signing with New York before the first game and Mathewson still being in Chicago.

Visitors Contest for Tennis Honors. Kansas City, Mo., July 21.—Three visitors and one local player were left to battle through the semi-finals at the conclusion of play Thursday in the Great Plains tennis tournament for men, on the courts of the Rock Hill Tennis club. Clifford J. Lockhorn, Missouri valley champion, was the single local entrant, defeated John Hennessy, the 15 year old Indianapolis player, 6-2, 6-4.

Probably the surprise of the day was the defeat of Jerry Weber of Chicago at the hands of Eugene Monnett of Norman, Okla. The Oklahoma boy was unbeatable all the way through, downing Weber, 6-4, 6-1.

Zeiford Stellwagen of Minneapolis, in his match with Charles P. Frank of Indianapolis, dropped the first set, 5-6. The northerner then braced and took the next two, 6-2, 6-6.

Head Byford, Chicago, won the last of the fifth round matches from Jack Cannon, Kansas City, in handy fashion, 6-4, 6-2.

Vote for R. W. Hall for associate Justice Supreme Court. Western candidate, able judge, heavily endorsed.—Adv.

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BY BRIGGS



BASEBALL RESULTS

THURSDAY'S GAMES

League Standings.

American League.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
New York	49	32	.605	531-578
Boston	48	36	.571	575-565
Cleveland	48	38	.558	563-552
Washington	47	38	.552	552-544
Chicago	45	39	.536	541-529
Detroit	45	42	.517	529-531
St. Louis	40	46	.465	521-539
Philadelphia	19	60	.241	459-537

National League.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
Brooklyn	46	32	.590	595-582
Boston	42	38	.525	569-567
Philadelphia	42	34	.553	558-548
New York	38	40	.487	584-581
Pittsburgh	37	40	.481	574-574
Chicago	40	46	.465	572-571
Cincinnati	25	50	.333	475-490

Texas League.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
Houston	42	28	.600	537-527
Fort Worth	42	32	.567	525-525
Shreveport	42	32	.567	525-525
Waco	42	32	.567	525-525
Galveston	42	32	.567	525-525
San Antonio	42	32	.567	525-525
Beaumont	42	32	.567	525-525
Dallas	42	32	.567	525-525

Pacific Coast League.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
Los Angeles	42	32	.567	525-525
Vernon	42	32	.567	525-525
Portland	42	32	.567	525-525
Salt Lake	42	32	.567	525-525
Oakland	42	32	.567	525-525

Western League.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
Omaha	42	32	.567	525-525
Lincoln	42	32	.567	525-525
Des Moines	42	32	.567	525-525
Wichita	42	32	.567	525-525
Shreveport	42	32	.567	525-525
St. Joseph	42	32	.567	525-525

American Association.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
Indianapolis	42	32	.567	525-525
Minneapolis	42	32	.567	525-525
Kansas City	42	32	.567	525-525
Louisville	42	32	.567	525-525
Toledo	42	32	.567	525-525
St. Paul	42	32	.567	525-525
Milwaukee	42	32	.567	525-525
Columbus	42	32	.567	525-525

Southern Association.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
Nashville	42	32	.567	525-525
New Orleans	42	32	.567	525-525
Chattanooga	42	32	.567	525-525
Atlanta	42	32	.567	525-525
Birmingham	42	32	.567	525-525
Memphis	42	32	.567	525-525
Mobile	42	32	.567	525-525
Little Rock	42	32	.567	525-525

National League.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
At Cincinnati—First game	R. H. E.			
Philadelphia	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Cincinnati	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Philadelphia, Alexander and Kliffner; Cincinnati, Tracy, Mosley and Wingo.				
At Cincinnati—Second game	R. H. E.			
Philadelphia	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Cincinnati	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Philadelphia, Alexander and Kliffner; Cincinnati, Tracy, Mosley and Wingo.				
At Chicago—First game	R. H. E.			
New York	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Chicago	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: New York, Schupp and Radtke; Chicago, Hendrix and Fletcher.				
At St. Louis—First game	R. H. E.			
Boston	000 000 000	2 1 0		
St. Louis	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Boston, Barnes, Hughes, Allen and Gowdy; St. Louis, Meadows and Gamble.				

Games Postponed.

Brooklyn at Pittsburgh; rain.

American League.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
At Philadelphia—First game	R. H. E.			
Cleveland	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Philadelphia	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Cleveland, Beebe and O'Neill; Philadelphia, Sheehan and Meyer and Meyers, Carroll.				
At Philadelphia—Second game	R. H. E.			
Cleveland	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Philadelphia	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Cleveland, Beebe and O'Neill; Philadelphia, Sheehan and Meyer and Meyers, Carroll.				
At Washington—First game	R. H. E.			
Chicago	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Washington	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Chicago, Williams, Cloutier and Schaak; Washington, Beeding and Henry.				
At Washington—Second game	R. H. E.			
Chicago	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Washington	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Chicago, Williams, Cloutier and Schaak; Washington, Beeding and Henry.				
At New York—First game	R. H. E.			
St. Louis	000 000 000	2 1 0		
New York	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: St. Louis, Green and Seaver; New York, Schupp and Radtke.				

"Beck's" Amen Corner

BY "BECK"

YANKEES intend to remain in the American league pennant race, despite injuries to players, and recently made an offer to the San Francisco club of the Coast league of \$10,000 for Ping Bodie, the fence-busting outfielder. The offer was refused.

WILLIE RITCHIE is getting a lot of publicity over "joining the colors" and being "ready to chase Villa" but the truth of the matter is that Willie has simply joined one of the citizens' training camps in California. Willie even took one of his automobiles to the camp, where it is the subject of considerable trouble.

TEXAS LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
At Houston—First game	R. H. E.			
Detroit	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Detroit, Cleveland and McGraw; Houston, Foster, Ruth and Agnew, Thomas.				
At Houston—Second game	R. H. E.			
Detroit	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Detroit, Cleveland and McGraw; Houston, Foster, Ruth and Agnew, Thomas.				

TEXAS LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
At Galveston—First game	R. H. E.			
Galveston	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Galveston, Barfoot, Covington, Cook and Noyes; Houston, Dickson and Jenkins.				
At Fort Worth—First game	R. H. E.			
Fort Worth	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Fort Worth, Harrah and Loughrey; Dallas, Seaver and Smith.				
At Beaumont—First game	R. H. E.			
Beaumont	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Beaumont, Harrah and Loughrey; Dallas, Seaver and Smith.				

TEXAS LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
At Fort Worth—Second game	R. H. E.			
Fort Worth	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Fort Worth, Harrah and Loughrey; Dallas, Seaver and Smith.				
At Beaumont—Second game	R. H. E.			
Beaumont	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Beaumont, Harrah and Loughrey; Dallas, Seaver and Smith.				

COAST LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
At Salt Lake—First game	R. H. E.			
Salt Lake	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Salt Lake, Pierce and Hannan.				
At Los Angeles—First game	R. H. E.			
Oakland	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Oakland, Prosser and H. E. Holt; Los Angeles, Hogg and Boies.				
At Oakland—Second game	R. H. E.			
Oakland	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Oakland, Prosser and H. E. Holt; Los Angeles, Hogg and Boies.				

WESTERN LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
At Lincoln—First game	R. H. E.			
Lincoln	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Lincoln, Kaufman and Griffith; Lincoln, Gardner and Bohrer.				
At Wichita—Second game	R. H. E.			
Wichita	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Wichita, Davis, Kuestner and Gray; Lincoln, Smith and Johnson.				
At Des Moines—First game	R. H. E.			
Des Moines	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Des Moines, Hall and Monroe; Des Moines, Higgins, Baker and Spahr.				
At Sioux City—First game	R. H. E.			
Sioux City	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Sioux City, Grover and Crosby.				
At Omaha—First game	R. H. E.			
Omaha	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Omaha, Kraus and Krouger; St. Joseph, Summers and Fuser, Game forfeited in Omaha, 3-9.				

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
At Toledo—First game	R. H. E.			
Toledo	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Toledo, Hall and Monroe; Des Moines, Higgins, Baker and Spahr.				
At Columbus—Second game	R. H. E.			
Columbus	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Columbus, Hall and Monroe; Des Moines, Higgins, Baker and Spahr.				
At Indianapolis—First game	R. H. E.			
Indianapolis	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Indianapolis, Hall and Monroe; Des Moines, Higgins, Baker and Spahr.				

Southern Association.

	W.	L.	Pct.	Win Loss
At Atlanta—First game	R. H. E.			
Atlanta	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Atlanta, Hall and Monroe; Des Moines, Higgins, Baker and Spahr.				
At Nashville—Second game	R. H. E.			
Nashville	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Nashville, Hall and Monroe; Des Moines, Higgins, Baker and Spahr.				
At Birmingham—First game	R. H. E.			
Birmingham	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Birmingham, Hall and Monroe; Des Moines, Higgins, Baker and Spahr.				
At Memphis—Second game	R. H. E.			
Memphis	000 000 000	2 1 0		
Batteries: Memphis, Hall and Monroe; Des Moines, Higgins, Baker and Spahr.				

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